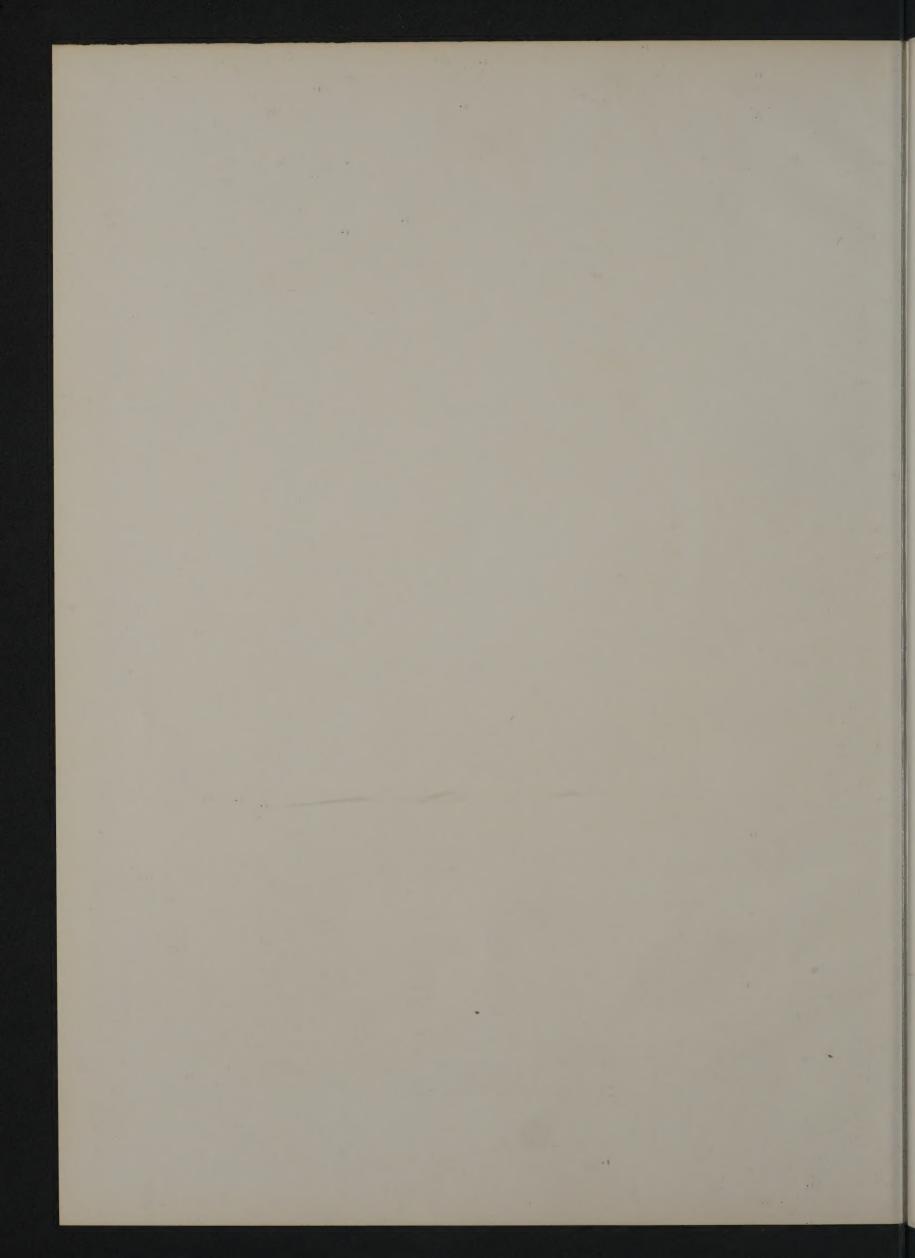
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Foreword

We, the 1962 Buccaneer staff of Bluffton High School, wish to thank all who helped make this book possible. As you look through these pages, we hope that you will recall many pleasant memories of the 1961-62 school year. This is only a brief glimpse of our school, but we hope each one of you will find something of interest to you. We wish to

dedicate this book especially to the seniors who have made a lasting contribution to Bluffton High School. We challenge the rest of you to keep the traditional high standards of B.H.S. so that you may look back at your years spent here with satisfaction.

Look through this book for enjoyment. But remember, the signs of the times point forward.

The Editor





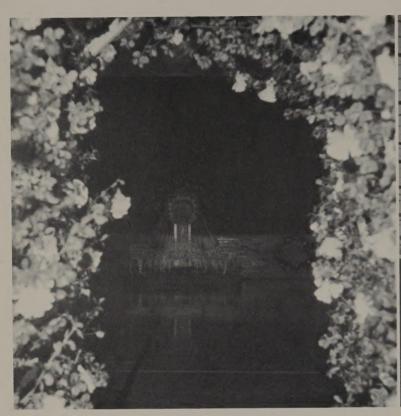


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Glimpses of '61 and '62



A trellis of flowers set the arch for the Homecoming Dance to the theme "The Queen's Garden".



Seniors work hard at practice to make the class play a success.



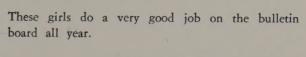
Careful now students, don't fall!



Don't let him get you, Ray!



Former editor of the Buccaneer, Ruth Frankhauser, was crowned queen of Bluffton's Centennial celebrations August 17, 1961.

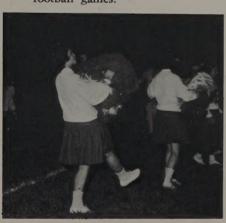




Watch out boy, don't hit anybody with that stick.



Seniors have a successful year selling concessions at football games.



Cheerleaders lead a chant at a football game.





Cheerleaders introduce football players at pep meeting.



Buccaneer staff toils many hours to complete the school annual.

Sophomore girls provide music at many school functions. Members are: Norma Bucher, Jane Montgomery, Miriam Augsburger, Dolores Luginbuhl, Jean Purves, Gayle Gerber, Sally Emmert, Jane Herr, and Karen Schmidt.





What does it say Genie?



Queen and court dance the traditional first dance.



The senior ensemble, which has been singing together for six years, completes a very successful career. Throughout these six years they have sung in contests, for clubs, in churches, and at many other activities. The girls are Paula Greding, Elizabeth Raid, Nancy Balmer, Jean Stauffer, Nancy Swank, and Joan Emmert.



The library reading room is quieter than the study hall. Many times students are found studying or reading the latest newspapers here.



The band provided much enjoyable entertainment at halftimes this football season. Here is the Eiffel Tower formed by the band at the Homecoming game.



At the Lafavette game Bluffton really went to town. Gene Mathewson jets down the field in a spectacular run.



Majorettes Karen Mericle and Joyce Eikenbary practice in the bottom, while the band is working in the band-hall.

School Life

The different departments contribute much to each student. Here a student may study more thoroughly his field of interest. Competent teachers guide students as they search for knowledge. A wide variety of subjects allows students to become acquainted in many different fields.

Many teachers have dedicated the greater share of their lives to strengthen and develop their depart-

ments. Newer teachers gain experience through doing. Examples demonstrated by teachers set a pattern for the students' learning.

As a sign of their maturity, students have learned to co-operate with and respect teachers. The relationship between teachers and students is one of genuine interest and concern for each other.











Students Aim For Health and Safety



Gym classes develop co-ordination.



Mr. Osborne shows to students a well arranged health notebook.

Math Teaches Us To Think



Joyce admires a geometric figure drawn by one of the students

Students Are Fascinated By Foreign Languages



Latin students learn of the conquests of Caesar.



French class looks on as Mr. Steiner locates position of French cities.

English Skill is Achieved

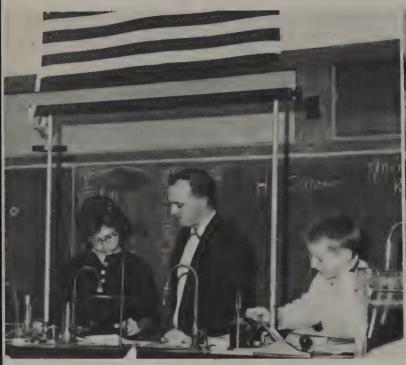


Juniors recognize clauses in advanced English classes.



Seventh grade students learn sentence structure by diagraming.

Formulas and Experiments Signify Science



Mr. Kirkendall explains a scientific principle or problem to curious general science student. This class is a basis for all advanced science courses.



A chemistry class is being shown how to work an experiment in lab by Mr. Geiger.



History Tells Us Of Other Times, Other Places





American history is a junior required course. Here, under Miss Slusser, juniors learn the history of our country.

Home Economics Teaches Cooking and Sewing



Home economics teaches girls the fundamentals of sewing.



Miss Patton demonstrates how to press material correctly.

Vocational Agriculture Teaches Planting and Growing





Mr. Overmyer explains Dairy production to Vo-Ag boys.

Commercial Courses Prepare Us for Business



Student teachers learn while teaching commercial courses. These classes prepare students for their chosen vocations in secretarial work.



Typing is a course much in demand by many people. It will be useful in whatever the students do.



Industrial Art Reveals Talent



In shop boys learn how to handle, make, and use machinery. Here is a go-kart that was made by the students and Mr. Wrightsman.



Mechanical drawing classes work hard on their projects.

Art Creates and Stimulates Originality



Explanation of abstract "Still Life" by John Soldan.



Art Students planning architectural



Vocal and Instrumental Music Develop



The Band practices many long hours to make the half-time shows for football a success.



Girls' glee spends many long hours singing to learn Christmas music.

Faculty and Students

Without this section of the school, Bluffton High could not exist. If either were missing, there would be nothing. Bluffton High School is built around the faculty and the students.

As the two work together, there is the whole world to be gained. Apart, each is worth nothing. As the parts of a machine work together, so do the faculty and student, united, form a perfect machine for learning.

Here at Bluffton we are privileged to have a faculty of the highest quality. In every way, scholarship, music, and athletics, the leadership is in the most capable hands. Likewise, the students are also above average. Co-operation with each other, in learning and teaching, is found at Bluffton, where the leaders of tomorrow are being instructed by the leaders of today.





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The Board of Education is the principle governing body of the Bluffton school system. Consisting of seven members, the Board handles financial problems, hires teachers, provides for school maintenance, buys school equipment and buses, and takes some disciplinary action. Most students don't realize all that the Board does for them and the school. Late hours at meetings, arguments, dissatisfied parents, budgets—all must be put up with by the Board members. The Board of Education is probably the least appreciated group in the school, but without it Bluffton High would soon collapse.



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Mechanical Drawing
Advisor of Stage Crews



Bluffton teachers and Board of Education members and their wives enjoy a Christmas banquet at the Mennonite Church.



Mr. Joe Cremean, Treasurer; Mr. Robert Ewing, Nominating Committee; Mr. Roy Schmunk, Principal; Mrs. Harvey Bauman, Room Mothers; Dr. Luther Shetler, Ways and Means Committee; Mrs. Wayne Amstutz, Secretary; Mr. Dale Reichenbach, Vice-President; Mr. and Mrs. Arden Baker, Publications Committee; Mrs. Ropp Triplett, President.

P.T.A.

The Blufton Parent-Teachers Association strives for understanding and co-operation between the parents of school children and the Blufton teachers, thus bringing about a better unity of school and home. Following this year's theme, Progress Through Awareness, most of the meetings presented special problems of youngsters to the organization and the answers were discussed.

The PTA Christmas program, which is always enjoyed by the entire town, and a scholarship given to a deserving senior are just two examples of the wonderful work done in Bluffton by the PTA.

President Clarence Kooker presides over a BEA meeting held in the Home Ec. department. Other officers are Evelyn Steiner, Vice-President; Betty Hamilton, Secretary-Treasurer; Janet Patton, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

B.E.A.

The Bluffton Education Association is a group consisting of all the teachers in the Bluffton Public Schools. The BEA is closely associated with the OEA and the NEA. The main purpose of the BEA is to encourage membership in these organizations. It provides aids for improved classroom instruction and helps the teachers with their educational problems. This year the BEA had a banquet with the Board of Education, had meetings with the Ada faculty and the Bluffton College faculty, and members attended workshops and conventions.



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Mrs. Hilty, Miss Anderson and Lois Criblez.



Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Sommers.



Wayne Zimmerman, Gerald Brooke, Rev. Warren, Rev. Shepler and Raymond Powell.



Gid Steiner, Ben Herr and Duluth Strunk.









PAUL DAVID BARNETT

Class Secretary 2, Class President 4; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 3; Boys' Glee 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Mixed Ensemble 3; Operetta 2, 4; Football 3, 4; Cutlass Staff 3, 4, Business Manager 4; Science Club 3; National Honor Society 3, 4; Student Patrol 3, 4, Captain 4; Scholarship Team 1, 2, 4; Class Play 4.

RACHEL LOUISE HILTY

Girls' Glee 1, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 3, 4, President 3; District Solo and Ensemble Contest 1, 4; Cutlass 3, 4, Assistant Editor 3, Co-Editor 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Prince of Peace Contest 2, 3, Local Winner 3; National Honor Society 3, 4, President 4; Class Treasurer 2, Vice-President 4; Scholarship Team 1, 2, 3, 4; Operetta 4; Class Play, Student Director 4.

JEAN SHELLY STAUFFER

Class Secretary 4; Cutlass Staff 3, 4, Co-Editor 4; District Solo and Ensemble Contest 1, 2 3, 4; Concert Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.

SANDRA KAE EDIE

Class Treasurer 1, 4; Class Play 3, 4; Home-coming Attendant 4; Cheerleader 1; Library Club 3, 4, President 4; Buccaneer 3, 4, Business Manager 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary-Treasurer 2, Vice-President 3, Majorette 3, 4, Drum Major 4, Music Camp 2, 3.

Not Finished; Just Begun

After waiting six wonderful, happy but sometimes sad, and fleeting years, we, the class of 1962, have achieved

the goal, "Seniors".

Our high school days have been worth while and will never be forgotten. We will always fondly remember those moments during a football game, up town after the dance, or the happy or thoughtful moments during a certain club meeting. We will carefully cherish the memories of our seventh and eighth grade years filled with new adventures and excitement, and also the thrill of being officially called high school students during our freshman year when we were given the privilege of choosing our own subjects. When, as sophomores, we received our class rings, we really classed ourselves as important.

One of those things which will stand out most was the advancement from the title of "wiggley little rascals" in our seventh grade year to that of "upper classmen" in

our Junior year.

The last two years have come to be the most important, for we have been striving for our goal, the class trip. In

our Junior year we planned and sponsored the Homecoming, 'Autumn Leaves'; we performed the play, "Have a Date," and prepared and worried over our Junior-Senior Prom, "Cinderella's Ball." Of course, we have had many other projects, basketball concessions, bake sales, cake raffles, car washes, paper drives, and we even made yarn B.H.S. dolls when we were sophomores to achieve this goal. Our senior year we have sponsored after the game dances, football game concessions, and the Christmas dance. We have had our Christmas card and our candy sale and have presented the play, "The Sky's the Limit."

All of our years have been important also in our preparing for our futures. We appreciate our teachers' understanding and consideration during these precious years.

And so, when the names of the members of the class of '62 are no longer heard, when the halls of B.H.S. silently echo our footsteps, we will recall with fondness these years with the hope that they will help us live up to our motto: "Not finished; just begun."



CHARLES WILLARD AMSTUTZ
Basketball 1; Football 1, 2; Baseball 3, 4; F. F. A. 3.



JAMES RUSSELL BADFRTSCHER Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2; Basketball 1; Class Play 4.



NANCY LEE BALMER
G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 1, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Library Club 4; Buccaneer Staff 4; Class Play 4, Student Director 3; Operetta 2, 4; Girls' Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4.



CARYLE SUE BASH

G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4; Girls'
Glee 1; Tri-Hi-Y 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 3;
Student Senate 3, Secretary 3; National
Honor Society 3, 4, Vice-President 4; Buccaneer Staff 4; Class Play 4; Senior Scholarship Team 4; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3.



KAREN GILBERT BASH

G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, President 3; Student Senate
1; Tri-Hi-Y 2, 3; Class Play 3; Library
Club 3; F. T. A. 3, Secretary 3; Scholarship Team 2, 3, 4; Class President 2; Youth
in Government 3; National Honor Society
3; Buccaneer 3, Assistant Editor 3.



DONNA MAE BASINGER

Class Secretary 3; Cheerleader 1, 2, 4;
Class Play 3; Operetta 2, 4; Cutlass Staff 3;
F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 3, President
4; Tri-Hi-Y 2, 3, 4, Secretary 4; Girls'
Glee 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Student
Senate 4, President 4; F. F. A. Sweetheart
Attendant 3; Homecoming Attendant 4.



STEVEN KENT BASINGER

Boys' Glee 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 3, 4, Secretary 4; Cutlass Staff 4; Varsity B 1;

Football 1, 2, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4;

Class Play 3, 4; F. T. A. 3; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4.



PATRICK EUGENE BRIGGS
Beaverdam; Bowling Team 1, 2; Basketball
2; Projectionist 2; Bluffton; Scholarship
Team 4.



DONALD EUGENE BROWN, JR.
Beaverdam; Latin Club 1, 2; Basketball
1, 2; Echo Staff 1, 2; Baseball 1, 2; Mixed
Chorus 1, 2; Chess Club 1, 2. Bluffton;
Basketball 4; Golf 4.



KATHIE SUE CLARK
G. A. A. 1, 2; Girls' Glee 1, 3; Mixed
Chorus 1, 3; Tri-Hi-Y 2; Cheerleader 1.



JEANNE ALICE DAVIS

Beaverdam; Latin Club 2; Y-Teens 3; Girls'
Glee 1, 2; Mixed Chorus 3; Class Play
3; Bluffton; Girls' Glee 4; Class Play, Student Director 4; Tri-Hi-Y 4.



LARRY RAY DILLMAN

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 4;

Baseball 1, 2, 3; Boys' Glee 1, 4; Library
Club 4.



JAMES ELWOOD EDIE Hi-Y 2; Football 1, 2; Track 1.



SCOTT EDWARDS

Band 1, 2, 3, 4, President 3; Boys' Glee 1, 2, 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 4; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 3, President 4; Student Senate 2; Library Club 3, 4, Treasurer 4; Youth in Government 3, 4; Buckeye Boys' State 3; Class Vice-President 3; Class Play 3, 4; Buccaneer Staff 3, 4; Music Camp 2, 3; Operetta 2, 4.



MICHAEL BURDETTE EMANS
Hi-Y 2, 4; Football 1, 2; Mixed Chorus 1,
2, 3, 4; Boys' Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Operetta 2,
4; Class Play 3, 4; Scholarship Team 4.



JOAN PAT EMMERT

G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 2, 3, 4, Chaplain 3; F. T. A. 4; Girls' Glee 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Operetta 2, 4; Student Patrol 3, 4; Girls' Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4; State Solo and Ensemble Contest 2, 3; Class Play 4; Cutlass Staff 3, 4; Scholarship Team 1, 2, 3, 4.



KENNETH EARL GRABER

Newton; Orchestra 1, 2; Band 1, 2; Hi-Y 1; Scholarship Pin 1, 2; K. O. Science and Mathematics Camp 2; Honors Course 2; Chorus 2. Bluffton; Boy's Glee 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 3, 4; Band 3, 4; Bowling 3, 4; Westinghouse Science Institute 3, 4.



PAULA EILEEN GREDING

G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Library Club 4; Class Treasurer 3; Girls' Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Girls' Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4; State Solo and Ensemble Contest 2; Class Play 4, Student Director 3; Operetta 2, 4; Buckeye Girls' State 3; Mixed Ensemble 3.



LINDA DARLINE HALL

F. H. A. 1, 2; Girls' Glee 2, 4; National
Honor Society 3, 4.

Died Tuesday, May 15, 1962
Iteart Operation



MILDRED CAROL HARMON

Ada; Band 1, 2, 3; G. A. A. 2; Y-Teens 3,
Librarian 2, 3; Interclass Contest Skit 2,
3; Bluffton; Band 4; G. A. A. 4.



GARY LYNN HERR
Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. 1; Basketball 1.



JAMES KERMIT KATTERHEINRICH Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 4; Boys' Glee 4; Football 1; Basketball 1.



DONNA JEANNE KLINGLER

Class Vice-President 1; Class President 3;
Class Play 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 2, 3, 4, VicePresident 3, President 4; G. A. A. 1, 2,
3, 4, Reporter 2; F. H. A. 1; Library Club
4; Student Senate 2, Treasurer 2; Scholarship Team 2, 4; National Honor Society
3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Girls' Glee
2, 3, 4; Operetta 2, 4; Girls' Basketball
Team 3; Student Patrol 4; Buccaneer Staff 4.



KEITH REAMS KLINGLER
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2; Boys'
Glee 4; Hi-Y 4; Track 1.



LARRY LEE MARSHALL
Football 1, 2; Baseball 1, 2; Track 1, 2;
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 4; Varsity B
1, 2.



Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Track 1; Varsity B 2; Student Senate 3, President 3.



DONNA MAE MC CLUER
F. H. A. 2, 3, 4, Parliamentarian 3; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Cutlass Staff 3, 4.



LARRY LYNN MOSER

F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Boys' Glee 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2; Football 1, 2, 3.



DIANE NEEPER

Oceanside; Nurses' Club 2, 3; Commercial
Club 2, 3; Spanish Club 2, 3; Tri-Hi-Y 3.
Bluffton; Cutlass Staff 4; Library Club
4; Buccaneer Staff 4; Girls' Glee 4.



JOHN DANIEL NEUENSCHWANDER
F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Reporter 3; Judging
Team 2, 3, Kansas City Delegate 4; Boys'
Glee 2; Operetta 2; Hi-Y 1; Student Patrol
4.



PATRICIA MARIE NUSBAUM Library Club 3, 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 4; G. A. A. 3, 4; Girls' Glee 4.

SAMUEL HERBERT REICHENBACH



CALVIN VERNON OPPERMANN
Hi-Y 2, 3, 4, Chaplain 4; Varsity B 1, 2,
Reporter 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football
1, 2, 4, Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3,
4; Bowling 4; Class Play 3; Mixed Chorus
1, 2, 3, 4; Boys' Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed
Ensemble 3.



RAY WAYNE RUGGLEY

Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Student Senate 4, Vice-President 4; Class President 1.



Buccaneer Staff 2, 3, 4, Assistant Editor 2, Editor in Chief 3, 4; Girls' Glee 1, 2, 3, 4, Accompanist 2; Boys' Glee Accompanist 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4, Accompanist 2, 3, 4; State Solo and Ensemble Contest 2, 3, 4; Operetta Accompanist 2, 4; Library Club 4; Tri-Hi-Y 2, 3, 4, Accompanist 3; F. T. A. 3, 4, Secretary 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Class Play 4; Scholarship Team 1, 2, 3, 4.



JOHN WESLEY SOLDAN
Football 2; Basketball 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4; Varsity B 2.

Student Patrol 4.



JOHN FRANKLIN STEINER
Football 2, 3, 4; F. T. A. 3; Basketball
Manager 3, 4.



SHARL ALLAN STEINER
Track 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. 3, 4, Sentinel 4.



SHARON SUE STEINER
Tri-Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Library Club 4; F. H. A. 2; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4, Cheermaster 2, 4; Homecoming Queen 4; Student Director, Class Play 4.



NANCY ELLEN SWANK

Class Vice-President 2; Library Club 4; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Cutlass Staff 4; Student Senate, Treasurer 3; National Honor Society 3, 4; Girls' Glee 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Ensemble 3; State Solo and Ensemble Contest 2; Operetta 2, 4; Class Play 3, 4; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, Cheermaster 1, 3; Tri-Hi-Y 2, 3, 4, Chorister 4.



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Hi-Y 3, 4, Vice-President 4; Buccaneer Photographer 3; Boys' Glee 2, 3, 4; Football 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Mixed Ensemble 3; Buckeye Boys' State 3; Student Senate 1.



ANNA BESSIE ZIMMERMAN F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Reporter 4.

Juniors Work On Many Projects



Barbara Heiks

President



Elaine Baker Vice-President



Nancy Luginbuhl
Secretary



Roger Benroth

Treasurer

The junior class was very busy this year, working to earn money for the class trip and their other expenses. Some of their money making projects were concessions at basketball games, bake sales, a dance and the Class play. The juniors sponsored the Homecoming Dance and played host to the seniors at the Junior-Senior Prom.

The juniors claim one varsity cheerleader and several athletes. Many of the juniors are also active in band and other organizations.



Selling popcorn, pop and candy at basketball games was one of the biggest projects of the junior class. Here several juniors are working at a junior high game.



On clash day the junior class was well represented by eyesore ensembles. These girls don't seem to notice or care that their outfits don't match.



Marvin Augsburger



Linda Baber



Bob Badertscher



Brice Balmer



Carol Basinger



Lynn Basinger



Phil Basinger



Tom Brauen



Mike Brown



Linda Bucher



Richard Bucher



Karen Burkholder



Judy Chidester



Tom Criblez



Cheryl Dalke



Richard Davies



Sharon Gratz



Connie Habegger



Francis Harkness



Dorothy Hartman



Diana Hilty



J. R. Irwin



Rae Ann Johnson



Henry Janzen



Pauline Kinsinger



Coletta Lora



Ken Lugibihl



Dan Luginbuhl



Cheryl Martin



Brenda Moser



James Motter



John Peterson



Carol Pimlott



Norman Richenbach



Linda Steinman.



One of the juniors' main projects was the 1961 Homecoming activities. After many headaches and sore muscles, the whole affair turned out very nice. In this picture is shown the royal court's throne and backdrop. A colored spotlight add to the beauty of this center of attraction in the gym.



Steve Sutermeister



Betty Thomas



Marcia Travis



Tim Warren



Jerry Weaver



Laura Yoder

Sophomores Contribute to School Life



Greg Emans
President



Shirley Swank Vice-President



Sally Emmert
Secretary



Ann Bucher
Treasurer

The sophomore class is a very active group. They claim majorettes, band members, cheerleaders, and several outstanding football and basketball players.

The big event of the year for this class was the arrival of the long-awaited class rings. Also, working hard to earn money for their senior trip, the class of "64" sponsored two dances and had several bake sales.

Their advisors were Miss Patton and Mr. Overmeyer.















Howard Amstutz, Jim Amstutz, Leslie Amstutz, Miriam Augsburger, Roger Augsburger, Dian Badertscher, Beth Balmer.















Gene Balmer, Jan Benroth, Tom Benroth, Paul Bowman, Ken Bucher, Norma Bucher, David Burkholder.















Steve Clark, Loren Core, Connie Cox, James Cox, Larry Crow, Jim Diller, Karen Diller.



Shirley Deppler, Bonnie DeVier, Barbara Eastman, Tom Edwards, Joyce Eikenbary, Sue Ewing.



Gayle Gerber, David Gratz, Doug Hahn, Jane Herr, Tom Jennings, Ellen Johnson.



Ronald Lehman, Joan Lewis, Darlene Lovell, Dorothy Lugibihl, Dolores Luginbil, Diane Luginbuhl, Diana Mathewson.



Karen Mericle, David Montgomery, Jean Montgomery, Elaine Naas, Jean Purves, Mike Reichenbach, Karen Schmidt.



Roy Schmutz, Bill Schumacher, Joyce Shaw, Joe Steiner, Dennis Swank, Edwin Wiess, Gary Zimmerman.

Freshmen Enjoy High School Life



Mary Zimmerman
President



Janette Benroth Vice-President



Linda Swank
Secretary



Larry Amstutz
Treasurer

This fall, we, the class of "65" became full-fledged members of B.H.S. We were able to participate in many activities, new and different to us.

The girls joined G.A.A. and F.H.A. and the boys were active in F.F.A. and many different sports. Several of us also joined band, glee clubs, mixed chorus, and F.T.A. A few served as reporters on the Cutlass staff.

Four girls were chosen as Freshman cheerleaders and one was a majorette. We hope to achieve many goals before we graduate in 1965.













Tom Augsburger, Charles Baker, Jayne Barnett, Tony Bash, Tom Basinger, Tom Bell.













Tom Bogart, Doug Browne, Diane Conrad, Bonnie Cook, Lee Cookson, Linda Crawfis,













Sue Cupples, James Dillman, Sandra Dillman, Sharon Dirmeyer, Loretta Fisher, Tom Foltz.















Dennis Gable, John Geiser, Larry Grant, Karyl Gratz, Terrance Habegger, Sue Hardwick, Judy Harkness.



Ruth Ann Henry, Joy Hilty, Leola Huber, Anita Janzen, Jack Kibele, Dan Lehman, Susan Lehman,



Richard Little, Frank Luginbuhl, Paul Luginbuhl, Charlene Main, John Mericle, June Montgomery, Dennis Morrison.



Larry Moser, Jeray Moser, Kay Motter, Greg Myers, Steve Niswander, Barb Nusbaum, Kathy Osborne.



Philip Pannabecker, Don Patterson, Jack Reichenbach, Linda Reichenbach, Margo Reichenbach, Sam Reineke, Fred Rodabaugh.



Mark Schumacher, Cheryl Scott, James Sheets, Lu Ann Shetler, Ronald Steiner, Kipton Stratton, David Travis.



Pam Triplett, Tom Warren, Cynthia Weaver, Paul Wingate, Roger Yoakam, Arletta Zimmerman.

8th Graders Are "Old Pros" Now



Gene Lehman Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
John Pannebecker Vice-President
Clifford Eastman President
Patty Klingler Secretary-Treasurer

Experienced as high schoolers, the eighth graders felt much more a part of B.H.S.

Their social life was given an added touch by the Student Senate, who sponsored junior high dances.

Many of them participated in band, sports, cheerleading, and music contests. They did a fine job in making the magazine sales successful.













Carmela Adams, Diane Amstutz, Mark Amstutz, Anita Augsburger, James Augsburger, Mary Augsburger.













Barbara Balmer, James Basinger, Sharon Basinger, Blaine Bauman, Mary Jane Benroth, Sara Bixel.













Connie Brauen, Diana Cole, Carol Cox, Dale Dalke, Clifford Eastman, James Emmert.













Richard Everett, Carolyn Fisher, Delbert Gratz, Harry Greding, Gloria Habegger, James Harnishfeger.













Vicky Harris, Greg Jeffers, Kim Kibele, Wayne King, Patricia Klingler, Paul Kloeppel.













David Krueger, Gene Lehman, Fred Lintner, Sue Marshall, Janet Martz, Larry Mast.













Katie Myers, John Neidemire, Yvonne Niswander, John Pannabecker, Greta Purves, Kay Rodabaugh.













Philip Sommer, Shirlene Sommer, Carol Steiner, Jane Steiner, Jim Stewart, Mike Stewart.













Sue Swank, William Swank, George L. Traucht, Greg Triplett, Jerry Tschantz, Elizabeth Williams.

7th Graders Become Familiar with B.H.S.



Mark Kruger ______ Secretary-Treasurer
Rex Reichenbach _____ Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
Nolan Bucher ______ Vice-President
Tim Triplett ______ President

The seventh grade entered B.H.S. with 68 students.

Some of their boys played on the junior high football and basketball teams, while others were in the senior high band.

This year they attended junior high dances sponsored by the Student Senate and had their own class party.

They also took part in the noontime activities in the gym.













Edward Amstutz, Connie Anderson, Ann Augsburger, Jane Basinger, Louise Basinger, Wesley Beery.













Christine Bell, Linda Jo Bender, Gene Benroth, Julie Brauen, William Brown, Nolan Bucher.















Henry Burkholder, Joseph Davies, Jon Diller, Jeffery Emans, Sandra Kay Fisher, Priscilla Friesen, Garth Gerber.



Susan Griffin, Emilie Hamman, Connie Haney, Jayne Herr, Robert Hilty, Suzanne Hilty, Donald Hohenbrink.



Richard Huber, Richard Johnson, Diane Kagy, Mark Kinsinger, Mark Krueger, Gregory Lovell, Robert Hauenstein.



Greg Luginbuhl, Jane Luginbuhl, Muriel Luginbuhl, Bruce Marshall, Nancy Mericle, Connie Montgomery, Dan Morrison.



Ronald Moser, Jeff Murray, James Oppermann, Kenneth Peterson, Mary Reichenbach, Rex Reichenbach, Rose Rieman.



Peggy Ruggley, Wesley Schmutz, Cheryl Shields, Daryl Shields, Dave Smucker, Carl Sommer, Bruce Sommers.



Bill Stebleton, David Steiner, Greg Steiner, James Steiner, Terry Lynn Strahm, Judy Suter, Sara Templin.



Jack Thomas, Tim Triplett, Louise Weaver, Barbara Wingate, Phyllis Winkler, Kennth Zimmerman.

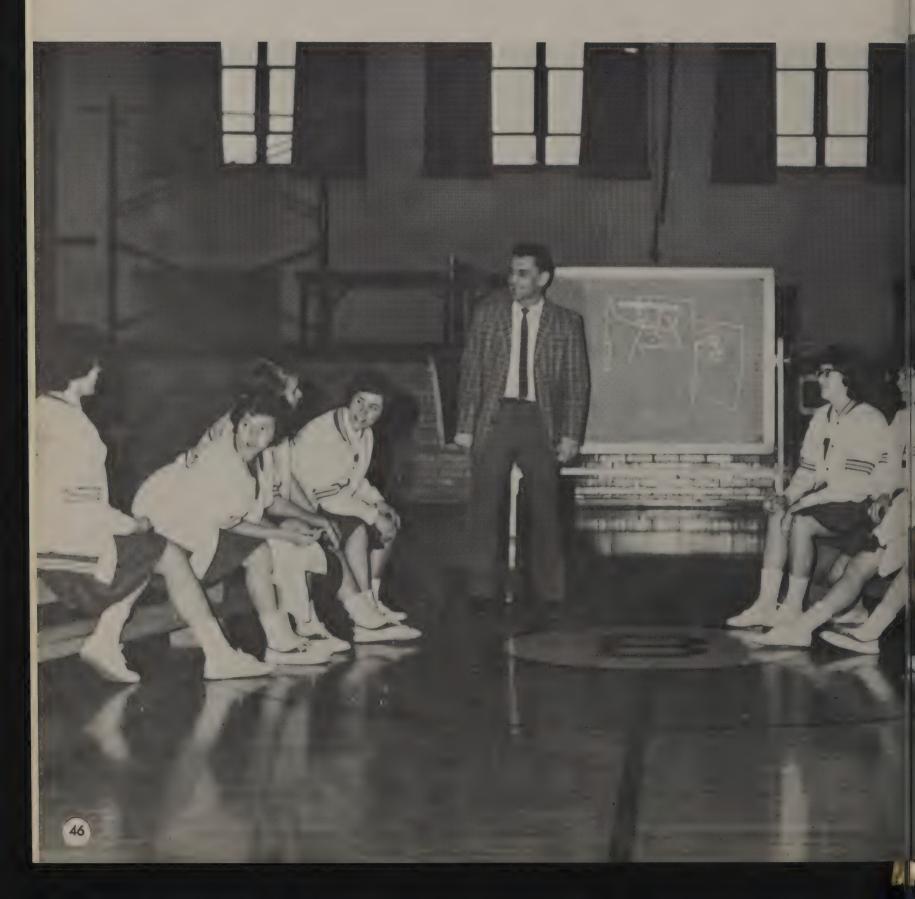
Activities

The activities in which a student of Bluffton High may participate are many and varied. What ever a student's interest may be, he is almost sure to find a club or activity which he will enjoy. Clubs and activities provide recreation, good times, meeting new people, making new friends, and a broader means for learning.

Teachers give extra time to direct these activities. This helps students get better acquainted with their teachers.

We hope that these pictures will bring back some memories of the good times spent in school activities this past year.

Although some people may feel that outside school activities play too big a role in the student's life, they most certainly play an essential role. Let's keep up the good attendance and participation in school activities.





Homecoming Court



Attendant, Sandra Edie; Queen, Sharon Steiner; Attendant, Donna Basinger.



As the Pirates fought valiantly against the Pandora Rockets at the 1961 Homecoming Game, Queen Sharon Steiner and her attendants, Sandy and Donna cheered the team on during the close and hard-fought loss. Bluffton lost the game 8-6 but not the Homecoming spirit.

The evening's activities, planned and sponsored by the Junior class, began earlier in the evening with the queen being escorted onto the field by John Soldan. Keith Klinger was Donna's escort and Jim Katterheinrich escorted Sandy. Bronze mums had been presented to the girls earlier.

After the game at the Homecoming Dance, following a trumpet fanfare, football captain Sharl Steiner led Queen Sharon up to her throne. Gene Mathewson and Ray Ruggley accompanied Donna and Sandy, respectively. The attendants were then given their golden football necklaces, and the queen was given a silver one. After this, Sharon was crowned 1961 Homecoming Queen by Sharl. The royal court presided over the dance, the theme of which was "The Queen's Garden."



Reigning over the Homecoming Dance are Queen Sharon and her Attendants, Sandy (r) and Donna (l). The girls had just received their necklaces and Sharon had been crowned.



Donna watches the Homecoming game with Pandora from the platform at Harmon Field.



Sandy is escorted to the Royal Platform in the gym by Ray Ruggley.



Sharon was escorted onto the field before the game in a convertible driven by John Soldan. She carried her arm bouquet all evening.

Gridiron Glimpses



ROW ONE: Jim Dillman, Charles Baker, Bob Badertscher, Tom Basinger, Fred Rodabaugh, Larry Amstutz, David Travis, Gene Balmer, Joe Steiner. ROW TWO: Don Patterson, Ray Ruggley, David Yoder, Larry Dillman, Steve Basinger, Gene Mathewson, Sharl Steiner, David Barnett, John Steiner, Tom Bogart, Jan Benroth.

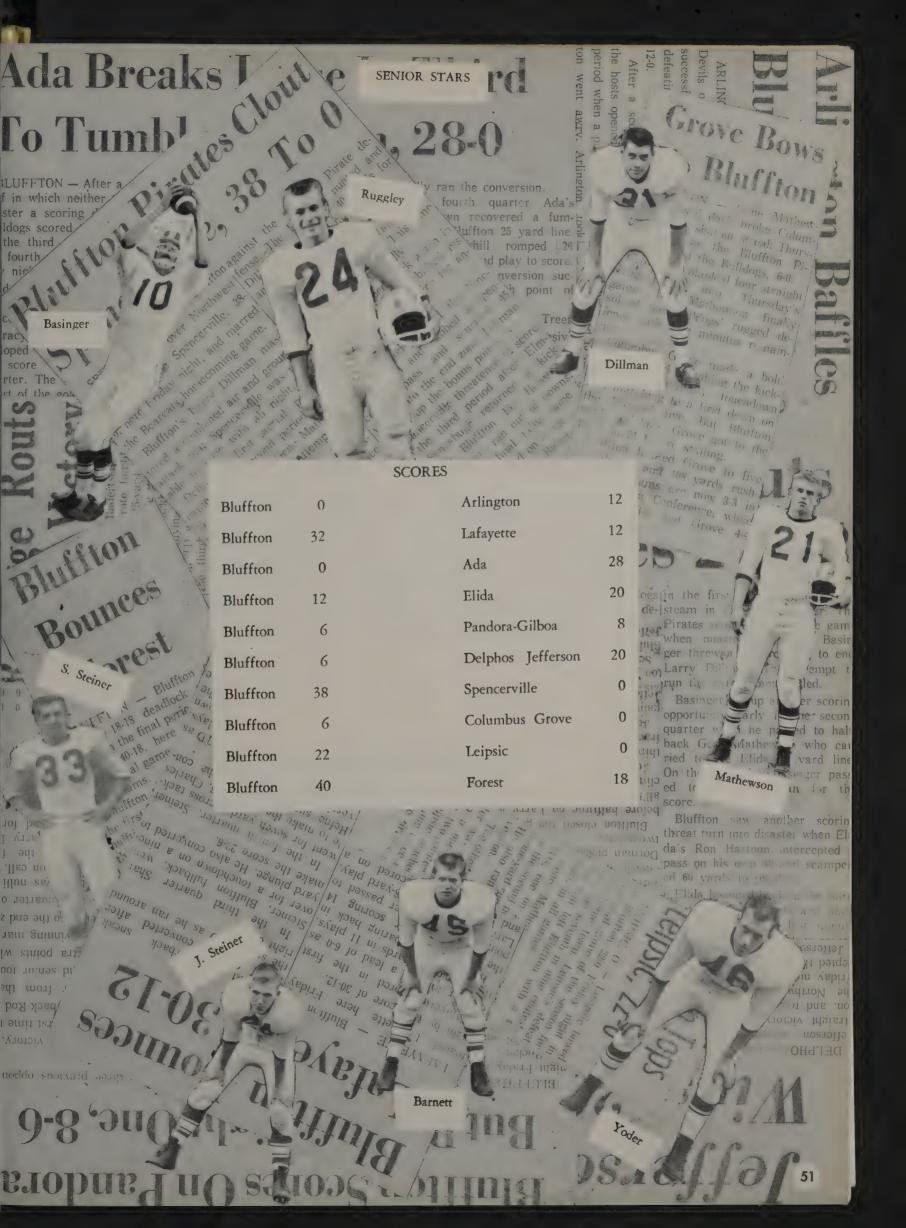
ROW THREE: Tom Edwards, Tom Benroth, Rodger Benroth, Dan Luginbuhl, Henry Jantzen, Jim Motter, Mike Brown, Steve Sutermeister, Danny Lehman, Terry Habegger. ROW FOUR: Paul Luginbuhl, Roy Schmutz, David Montgomery, Larry Crow, Steve Clark, Dennis Swank, Sam Reineke, Tony Bash, Tom Warren.



No, you're not seeing double, and this is not a mistake. It's a double exposure. Don't walk over that guy, Steve.



Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's a football.



Hardwood Highlights

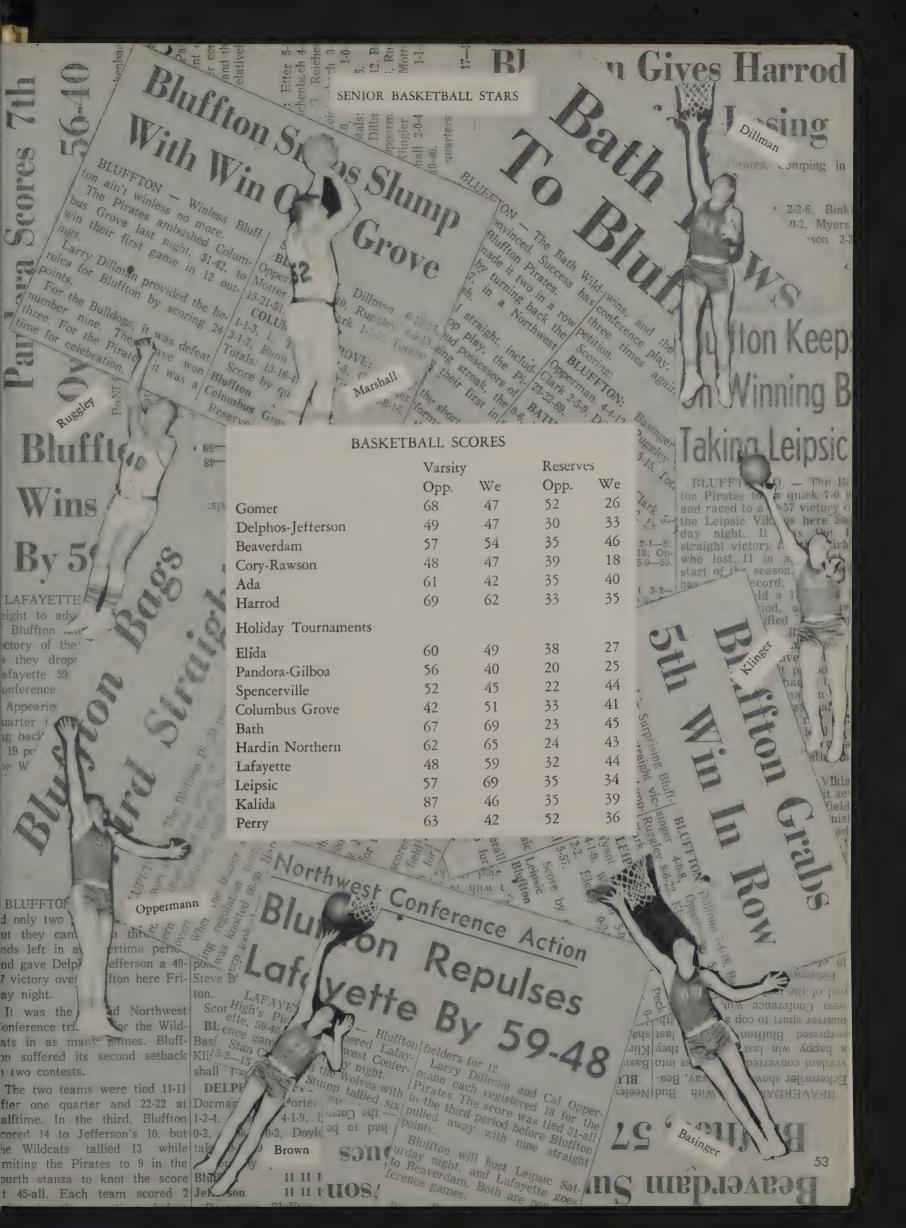


ROW ONE: Jim Irwin, Rodger Benroth, Dan Luginbuhl. ROW TWO: Don Brown, Larry Marshall, Jim Motter, Steve Basinger, Calvin Oppermann, Steve Clark, Keith Klingler, Ray Ruggley.

The varsity squad was composed of seven seniors, four juniors, and one sophomore for the 1961-62 basketball season. They started out slowly, then made a five game winning streak.

Larry Dillman won guard position on Second Team of the Northwest Conference Basketball League.







Where did the ball go?



Come on, Jim. Up and at 'em.



What's the trouble girls?

Ray gets a perfect tip. Hurrah!



Jump a little higher, Larry.



Steve chalks up a few more points.



Reserves Have Many Wins



ROW ONE: Gene Balmer, Larry Crow, Gary Zimmerman, Henry Janzen, Jim Irwin, David Gratz. ROW TWO: Tom Brauen, Steve Sutermeister, Tim Warren, Rodger Benroth, Dan Luginbuhl, Mike Reichenbach.

Make that foul shot, Gene.



Steve makes another two points that helped the Reserves win most of their games.



Jr. Hi Football



ROW ONE: Bruce Marshall, Jim Opperman, Greg Myers, Steve Niswander, Tom Bell, Ronnie Moser and Jim Steiner. ROW TWO: David Steiner, Wayne King, Greg Jeffers, Greg Luginbuhl, Jim Basinger, and Rich-

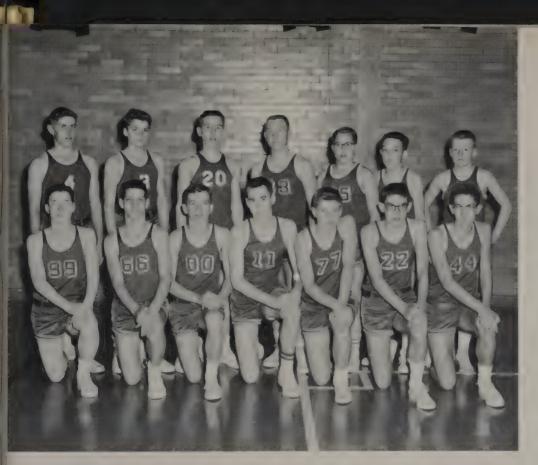
ard Everett. ROW THREE: Daryl Shields, John Mericle, Clifford Eastman, Bill Swank, Gene Lehman, and Henry Burkholder.

JUNIOR HIGH SCORES

Pirates	28	Hardin Northern	0
Pirates	0	Pandora-Gilboa	20
Pirates	6	Lafayette	12
Pirates	24	Waynesfield	0
Pirates	41	Leipsic	12

The 1961 Junior High Football team was composed of seventh, eighth, and ninth graders. They gained much experience which will be of use in later years. They were coached by Mr. Joe Harris.

The nineteen members of the team won three out of five games, to end the season with a fine record.



ROW ONE: Dennis Gable, Tom Bogart, Sam Reineke, David Travis, Tom Basinger, Greg Myers, Charles Baker. ROW TWO: Tom Augsburger, Steve Niswander, Tom Warren, Jim Dillman, Don Patterson, Richard Little, John Mericle.

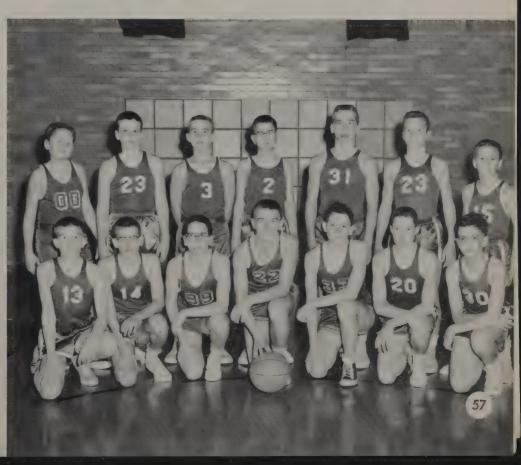
FRESHMAN SCORES

We	26	Perry	36
We	29	Elida	40
We	27	Spencerville	29
We		Lafayette Forf	eit
We	35	Harrod	32
We	43	Beaverdam	45
We	38	Gomer	50
We	29	Bath	43
We	18	Delphos-Jefferson	44
We	38	Arlington	37

ROW ONE: Wayne King, Greg Luginbuhl, Jim Emmert, Larry Mast, David Kruger, Harry Greding, Fred Lintner. ROW TWO: Richard Johnson, Rex Reichenbach, Clifford Eastman, David Smucker, Jim Basinger, Bill Swank, Gene Lehman.

JUNIOR HIGH SCORES

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We	19	Perry	33
We	14	Elida	32
We	17	Spencerville	27
We		Lafayette F	orfeit
We	15	Harrod	20
We	12	Beaverdam	18
We	12	Gomer	31
We	15	Bath	37
We	11	Delphos-Jefferson	35





Sally Emmert, Barbara Heiks, Cheermaster, Sharon Steiner; Donna Basinger.

Varsity Cheerleaders

In all kinds of weather, from the chilling cold at the football games to the hot gymnasiums at the basketball games, the four varsity cheerleaders were ready to lead the student body in cheers. The girls cheered together and boosted the morale of the team and the spirit of the spectators. They were always on hand to give untiring support to the team.

Untiring Support Given

Reserve Cheerleaders

Would you like to experience a typical weekend of the Reserve Cheerleaders? Let's start with Thursday after school when we have practice. Maybe the word "practice" is misleading. Oh sure, we learn new cheers and practice old ones, BUT . . . we do have some quite unusual times.

Then comes Friday night. This is THE night. We must do our best! We're all keyed up and ready to fight right along with the team. I know we all love cheerleading and none of us would want to give it up. What even gives us more satisfaction is when we see our team win. Of course, we can't take credit for the team's victories, but we hope we are helping in what we are doing to create good sportsmanship. Keep with it Reserves. We are all behind you.

Coletta Lora, Shirley Swank, Cheermaster, Barbara Eastman, Linda Steiman.





Linda Swank, Kay Motter, Sandra Dillman, Susan Lehman and Janette Benroth.



Mary Jane Benroth, Sue Swank, Kathie Myers and Vicky Harris.

Stage Crew



Mr. Wrightsman, Tim Warren, Gary Zimmerman, Ken Luginbihl, Bill Schumacher and Frank Luginbuhl.

Girls Develop Sportsmanship



ROW ONE: Charlene Main, Marcia Travis, Janette Benroth, Lu Anna Shetler, Kathy Osborne, Pam Triplett, Sandra Dillman, Jayne Barnett, Sue Cupples, Barbara Nusbaum. ROW TWO: Diane Conrad, Laura Yoder, Sally Emmert, Susan Lehman, Bonnie DeVier, Joan Lewis, Karen Schmidt, Elaine Baker, Carol Pimlott, Ruth Ann Henry. ROW THREE: Linda Baber, Gayle Gerber, Margo Reichenbach, Barbara Heiks, Betty Thomas, Beth Balmer, Elaine Naas, Shirley Swank, Kay Motter. ROW FOUR: Sharon Steiner,

Nancy Swank, Nancy Balmer, Paula Greding, Sue Bash, Joan Emmert, Donna Klingler, Nancy Luginbuhl, Carol Harmon. ROW FIVE: Patty Nusbaum, Mary Zimmerman, Judith Harkness, Jean Purves, Joyce Eikenbary, Ellen Johnson, Dolores Luginbill, Connie Habegger, Linda Steinman. ROW SIX: Barbara Eastman, Karen Mericle, Linda Reichenbach, Pauline Kinsinger, Linda Crawfis, Jane Herr, Loretta Fisher, Linda Swank.



President, Sue Bash; Treasurer, Carol Pimlott; Vice-President, Marcia Travis; Secretary, Joyce Eikenbary; Intramural Manager, Jean Purves.

To earn pins or letters, the G.A.A. played various tournaments in kickball, volleyball, basketball, table tennis, badminton, and shuffleboard. Some of its activities were swimming at the Lima Y.M.C.A. and participating in a bowling party. A fall initiation dinner and a spring awards banquet were highlights of the year.

Club Promotes Interest in Literature



ROW ONE: Rae Ann Johnson, Carol Pimlott, Barbara Heiks, Sandra Edie, Scott Edwards, Brice Balmer, Patty Nusbaum. ROW TWO: Barbara Eastman, Karen Schmidt, Gayle Gerber, Elizabeth Raid, Nancy Swank, Paula Greding, Karen Diller, Sharon Steiner.

ROW THREE: Jane Herr, Barbara Nusbaum, Joyce Eikenbary, Ellen Johnson, Nancy Balmer, Donna Klingler. ROW FOUR: Laura Yoder, Elaine Naas, Larry Dillman, Steve Sutermeister, Shirley Swank, Linda Baber.

The Library Club is an organization which encourages more interest in the library, in reading, and in literary and theatrical appreciation.

The Library Club sponsored a Book Fair which was held November 6-11. In March the club sponsored a display of interest to teachers. The club went to all of the Amil Tellers' Plays during the school year. There were many interesting meetings this year.



President, Sandy Edie; Historian, Patty Nusbaum; Vice-President, Barbara Heiks; Treasurer, Scott Edwards; Secretary, Brice Balmer.

Christian Clubs



ROW ONE: Karen Mericle, Shirley Deppler, Jean Purves, Joyce Eikenbary, Shirley Swank, Elaine Naas, Beth Balmer, Nancy Luginbuhl, Dolores Luginbill. ROW TWO: Rae Ann Johnson, Laura Yoder, Coletta Lora, Elizabeth Raid, Brenda Moser, Betty Thomas, Karen Schmidt, Elaine Baker, Joan Lewis, Dian Badertscher. ROW THREE: Gayle Gerber, Marcia Travis, Barbara Heiks, Sally Emmert,

Jane Herr, Bonnie DeVier, Miriam Augsburger, Donna Klingler. ROW FOUR: Jeanne Davis, Barbara Eastman, Karen Diller, Joan Emmert, Cheryl Dalke, Linda Steinman, Donna Basinger, Diane Luginbuhl, Paula Greding. ROW FIVE: Diane Mathewson, Sue Bash, Diane Neeper, Donna McCluer, Linda Baber, Nancy Balmer, Sharon Steiner, Nancy Swank.



President, Donna Klingler; Vice-President, Betty Thomas; Secretary, Donna Basinger; Treasurer, Linda Baber; Chaplain, Brenda Moser.

The purpose of the Tri-Hi-Y is "to create, maintain, and extend, throughout the home, school, and community, high standards of Christian character."

Tri-Hi-Y is an organization consisting of girls in the upper three grades and is affiliated with the Y.M.C.A.

Some of the year's highlights were an induction service at the First Mennonite Church, Sweetheart Dance and the Thanksgiving service at the Old Folks' Home. The club also sent the president and the vice-president to Camp Nelson Dodd in the summer.

Miss Keel, our advisor, was a great help to us during the year.

Set High Standards



ROW ONE: Dan Luginbuhl, Brice Balmer, Scott Edwards, Larry Marshall, Dave Barnett. ROW TWO: Tom Braun, Jim Katterheinrich, Steve Stuermeister, Jim Badertscher, Gary Herr. ROW THREE: Keith Klinger, Mike Emmans, Lorn Core, Dave Yoder.



Chaplain, Calvin Oppermann; Treasurer, Brice Balmer; Secretary, Tom Brauen; Vice-President, David Yoder; President, Scott Q. Edwards.

Hi-Y is an organization composed of sophomore, junior, and senior boys and is affiliated with the Y.M.C.A. The purpose of the organization is "to create, maintain, and extend, throughout the home, school, and community high standards of Christian character."

Some of this year's activities included a joint induction meeting and a joint swimming night with Tri-Hi-Y and several guest speakers.

Vocational Courses



ROW ONE: Judy Chidester, Anna Zimmerman, Patricia Nusbaum, Miss Patton, Donna Basinger, Linda Steinman, Rae Ann Johnson. ROW TWO: Jeray Moser, Dian Badertscher, Sharon Gratz, Nancy Luginbuhl, Shirley Deppler, Bonnie Cook, Dorothy Hartman. ROW THREE: Pauline Kinsinger, Arletta Zimmerman, June Montgomery, Sharon Dirmeyer, Joyce Shaw. ROW FOUR: Diana Mathewson, Joan Lewis, Judy Harkness, Barbara Nusbaum, Loretta Fisher.



President, Donna Basinger; Vice-President, Judy Chidester; Secretary, Patty Nusbaum; Treasurer, Linda Steinman; Advisor, Miss Patton.

The Future Homemakers of America is a national organization for any girl who is interested in homemaking. The most important goal of the organization is to work for a happier and more enjoyable home life for all. Our motto is "Toward New Horizons." The chapter's colors are red and white, and our flower is the red rose.

The Chapter was kept busy by various activities. Some of these were F.H.A.-F.F.A. Banquet, sewing projects, and an around the-world-dinner which was enjoyed by everyone.



Prepare For Future



ROW ONE: Gary Zimmerman, Joe Steiner, Jim Motter, John Neuenschwander, Sharl Steiner. ROW TWO: Roger Yoakam, Dennis Swank, Ronald Steiner, Jim Dillman, Ken Bucher. ROW

THREE: Marvin Augsburger, Gene Balmer, David Montgomery, Roy Schmutz, Larry Moser. ROW FOUR: Richard Bucher, Jack Kibele, Jack Reichenbach.

The Future Farmers of America is a national organization for farm boys regularly enrolled in vocational agriculture.

The purpose of the organization is to develop rural leadership and co-operation. Its motto is "learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, living to serve". The colors are national blue and corn gold.

Members participated in parliamentary procedure contests, district F.F.A. contests, and state F.F.A. convention and judging contests. John Neuenschwander represented the local chapter at the National F.F.A. Convention in Kansas City. Other activities were the F.F.A. Banquet and the threshing demonstration during the Centennial.





President, Marvin Augsburger; Vice-President, Gary Zimmerman; Secretary, Richard Bucher; Treasurer, Larry Moser; Reporter, Dave Montgomery; Sentinel, Sharl Steiner.

Many Voices Make



ROW ONE: Diana Mathewson, Jeray Moser, Joy Hilty, Darlene Lovell, Jean Stauffer, Nancy Swank, Donna Basinger, Sue Cupples, Judy Chiderster, Diane Neeper, Diane Conrad, Karyl Gratz, Jean Montgomery, Arletta Zimmerman, Barb Eastman. ROW TWO: Carol Basinger, Diana Hilty, Cheryl Martin, Joyce Shaw, Betty Thomas, Elaine Naas, Shirley Swank, Marcia Travis, Donna Klinger, Diane Luginbuhl, Jean Montgomery, Dorothy Lovell, Sharon Dirmeyer, Jane Herr. ROW THREE: Elaine Baker, Karen Diller, Sally Emmert, Paula Greding, Nancy Balmer, Susan Lehman, Nancy Luginbuhl, Coletta Lora, Bobbie Heiks, Bonnie Cook, Elizabeth Raid,

Gayle Gerber, Jayne Barnett, Jan Emmert. ROW FOUR: Sandy Dillman, Lou Shetler, Cheryl Dalke, Jean Purves, Joyce Eikenberry, Judy Harkness, Ellen Johnson, Shirley Deppler, Barb Nusbaum, Laura Yoder, Dolores Lugibill, Brenda Moser, Linda Bucher, Sharon Gratz, Miriam Augsburger. ROW FIVE: Leola Huber, Linda Reichenbach, Sue Ewing, Katie Schmidt, Linda Steiman, Diane Badertscher, Joan Lewis, Bonnie DeVier, Pat Nusbaum, Dorothy Hartman, Norma Bucher, Jean Davis, Karen Mericle, Linda Baber, Darlene Hall, Charlene Main, Loretta Fisher.



In preparation for district contest Girls' Glee spent many hours in the auditorium rehearsing.

This year the Girls' Glee has an extra large group, which participated in many activities. The Girls' Glee helped the Mixed Chorus in the Christmas program, put on an operetta in which everyone participated, prepared and sang in contests. The final event of the year was the spring concert.

Everyone enjoys Glee very much. The girls were talking, laughing, or once in a while singing. If it weren't for our director, Miss Souder, nothing would have been accomplished at all. A large variety of music and events make this year a very interesting and enjoyable one.

Much Good Music



ROW ONE: Don Patterson, Tom Bell, Ronald Steiner, Scott Edwards, David Yoder, Tom Criblez, Richard Bucher, and Steve Niswander. ROW TWO: Ken Bucher, Bob Badertcher, Dan Luginbuhl, Larry Amstutz, Jim Sheets, David Montgomery, and Kenneth

Luginbuhl. ROW THREE: Tom Brauen, Larry Moser, Jim Irwin, Brice Balmer, Tim Warren, Keith Klingler, and Larry Dillman. ROW FOUR: Jim Katterheinrich, Mike Emans, Larry Grant, Kenneth Graber, Steve Basinger, David Barnett, and Steven Sutermeister.

This year's Boys' Club, numbering 29, can look back on a year of fun and entertainment. New members and old struggled with our diversified music two times each week, learning music appreciation and enjoying the process.



Mid the screaming and yelling of 5th period Boys' Glee class sometimes music can be heard.

Select Group Shines In Performances



President, Dave Yoder; Secretary-Treasurer, Steve Basinger; Vice-President, Marcia Travis.

Mixed Chorus is the selected choral group in Bluffton High School. Consisting of about seventy boys and girls, the chorus sang in the Christmas program, chapels and assemblies, contests, and a special spring concert. ROW ONE: Barbara Eastman, Jean Stauffer, Nancy Swank, Diane Luginbuhl, Paula Greding, Sue Cupples, Elaine Naas, Donna Klinger, Barbara Nusbaum, Gayle Gerber, Donna Basinger, Jayne Barnett, Norma Bucher, Loretta Fisher. ROW TWO: Diana Hilty, Elaine Baker, Cheryl Martin, Nancy Balmer, Susan Lehman, Jean Purves, Shirley Swank, Coletta Lora, Nancy Luginbuhl, Elizabeth Raid, Brenda Moser, Linda Bucher, Charlene Main. ROW THREE: Carol Basinger, Karen Diller, Sally Emmert, Sandra Dillman, Lu Anna Shetler, Cheryl Dalke, Shirley Deppler, Marcia Travis, Barbara Heiks, Laura Yoder, Dolores Luginbuhl, Sharon Gratz, Miriam Augsburger, Joan Emmert. ROW FOUR: Jane Herr, Larry Moser, Jim Irwin, Jim Katterheinrich, Mike Emmans, Larry Grant, Ken Graber, Steve Basinger, Brice Balmer, Scott Edwards, Richard Bucher, Jim Sheets, Dorothy Lugibihl. ROW FIVE: Don Patterson, Tom Brauen, Dave Yoder, Dan Luginbuhl, Ken Luginbuhl, Dave Barnett, Steve Sutermeister, Tom Criblez, Ronnie Steiner, Tom Bell, Steve Niswander, Ken Bucher.

Much enjoyment was gained by all the members this year, as the sounds of many happy voices resounded from the new green music room.



Junior Band

In Junior Band we had a lot of fun working together and making ourselves better for Senior Band.

Sometimes we recorded our pieces to hear how we sounded. We especially liked to play marches and suites.

Occasionally we entertained the members of P.T.A. and other groups with some of our favorite pieces.



Junior Band students work hard at the old saying: "Practice makes perfect."



ROW ONE: Phyllis Winkler, Nancy Mericle, Mary Reichenbach, Daryle Shields, Judy Suter, Robert Hilty, Cynthia Weaver, Connie Anderson, James Oppermann, Greg Luginbuhl, Linda Bender, Sue Hilty, Jane Basinger, Priscilla Friesen, Susan Griffin, Connie Haney, Gene Lehman. ROW TWO: Henry Burkholder, Jeffery Emans, Cheryl Shields, Barbara Wingate, Emily Hammon, Mark Amstutz, George Traught, Steve Niswander, Gene Benroth, Vicky Harris, Greg Triplett, James Emmert, Dale Dalke, Nolan Bucher.

Band Offers



ROW ONE: Laura Yoder, Diane Luginbuhl, Elaine Nass, Frank Luginbuhl, Jeray Moser, Elizabeth Williams. ROW Barnett, Kenneth Graber, George Traucht, Linda Baber, Jerry Weaver, Larry Grant, Beth Balmer, Tommy Foltz, Jane cher, Judy Chidester, Miriam Augsburger, Roger Yoakam, Richard Bucher, Greg Triplett, Ken Bucher, Carol Harmon, Basinger. ROW FOUR: Sue Marshall, Margo Reichenbach, Janet Martz, Jim Sheets, Gayle Gerber, Delbert Gratz, Greg macher. ROW SIX: Sandra Eddie, Joyce Hilty, Joyce Eikenbary, Karen Mericle.



Joy Hilty, Head Drum Major, Sandra Edie, and Karen Mericle. Not Pictured: Joyce Eikenbary.

A steady blur of red and white flashed by as the Bluffton High School marching band melted into different formations on the football field at half time. This large school organization does much to enliven the football games and give the spirit of the team and fans a boost. A large number of the members are underclassmen but show much talent and enthusiasm.

Fine Entertainment



TWO: Tom Brauen, Coletta Lora, Connie Habegger, Greta Purves, Barbara Balmer, Jean Purves, Nancy Balmer, Jane Herr. ROW THREE: Karen Diller, Mary Jane Benroth, Kay Rodabaugh, Sue Couples, Shirley Deppler, Norma Bu-Darlene Lovell, Judy Harkness, Norm Bucher, Gene Lehman, Brice Balmer, Rex Reichenbach, James Emmert, Phil Emmans. ROW FIVE: Diana Hilty, Sandra Dillman, Lu Ann Shetler, Linda Crawfis, Scott Edwards, Mark Schu-

Music is an essential element in any community as well as in school life. And even though the band is many times taken for granted as a permanent fixture in our school, no other organization would be capable of taking its place in the many fine things it does. And this could not be accomplished without the capable direction of Miss Souder under whom the band has flourished in number and talent.



President, Nancy Balmer; Vice-President, Joyce Eikenbary: Secretary-Treasurer, Laura Yoder.

Teaching Promoted by F.T.A.



ROW ONE: Steve Sutermeister, Larry Grant, Shirley Swank, Dan Luginbuhl, Dave Yoder, Cynthia Weaver. ROW TWO: Joan Lewis, Joan Emmert, Ruth Henery, Norma Bucher, Diane Conrad, Kathy Osborne. ROW

THREE: Coletta Lora, Gayle Gerber, Elaine Naas, Elizabeth Raid, Laura Yoder. ROW FOUR: Sally Emmert, Miriam Augsburger, Jean Purves, Barbara Heiks.



President, Coletta Lora; Vice-President, Gayle Gerber; Secretary, Elizabeth Raid; Treasurer, David Yoder.

The Future Teachers' Club was organized to acquaint interested students with the teaching field. Members acted as guides on visitation day, assisted teachers, and took charge of some study halls. Meetings were held several times with the College Ohio Student Education Association. Problems that teachers face were discussed. A filmstrip, "Guide-Lines for Decision", describing elementary education, was viewed by our group.

We are grateful to the college for letting us take part in their meetings, and to the fine leader-ship of Miss Slusser.

Student Senate



ROW ONE: Richard Little, Bonnie DeVier, Philip Pannabecker, David Smucker, Donald Hohenbrink, Vicky Harris. ROW TWO: Charles Baker, Ellen Jean Johnson,

Dan Luginbuhl, Sue Swank, Donna Basinger. ROW THREE: Ray Ruggley, Marcia Travis, Steven Basinger, Linda Baber.

The Student Senate is the governing body of the school. It is composed of representatives from each grade. The purpose of this organization is to make laws and regulations which help to better our school.

Throughout the school year students express their ideas for improving our school by making suggestions to this organization. These suggestions are discussed and often used by the senate.

The senate sponsored such occasions as Clash Day, Clean Up Day and Bermuda Day. The senate chooses the assemblies and selects organizations to sell at games. The sponsoring of junior high dances was the senate's biggest money making project.



Treasurer, Sue Swank; Secretary, Ellen Johnson; President, Donna Basinger; Vice-President, Ray Ruggley.

School Paper Records The News



Assistant Editor, Tom Brauen; Business Manager, David Barnett; Co-Editors, Rachel Hilty and Jean Stauffer.

The Cutlass was published "to express the unbiased opinion of the student body, to establish high standards of conduct, scholarship, and sportsmanship, to encourage greater interest and participation in all school activities and to promote stronger co-operation between the students and the administration."

One of the biggest aims of the Cutlass Staff this year was to get out an increased number of issues promised. Each of these issues was filled with articles of interest to students.

ROW ONE: Tom Brauen, Pam Triplett, Susan Lehman, Linda Baber, Richard Little. ROW TWO: Joan Emmert, Gayle Gerber, Laura Yoder, Diane Neeper, Donna Mc-Clure. ROW THREE: Miriam Augsburger, Barbara Heiks, Steven Basinger, David Barnett, Jean Stauffer. ROW FOUR: Nancy Swank, Connie Habegger, Jean Purves, Sally Emmert.



Annual Is Special Mixture

The yearbook of Bluffton High School appears to the reader as a mixture of paper, words, pictures, and many wonderful memories, all squeezed between the front and back covers. However, these things are not all the ingredients which go into the making of a good Buccaneer. Additions of copy writing, picture taking, meeting deadlines, laying out pages, and typing are all needed, besides barrels of imagination needed to combine all of them together harmoniously. These are all essentials but the most important items of a fine annual are hours and hours and hours of hard work, and thousands of pounds of good humor and patience necessary to withstand all the complaints and gripes of everyone not on the staff and to hold up when everything goes completely wrong.

This year the Buccaneer staff, having mixed all the main parts together, can look with pride at their product and say that it was well worth all the effort, and the experience and that the fun obtained from being on the staff cannot be matched in any other high school function.



Editor, Elizabeth Raid; Assistant Editor, Elaine Baker; Business Manager, Sandra Edie.

ROW ONE: Rae Ann Johnson, Sue Bash, Linda Bucher, Elaine Baker, Elizabeth Raid, Sandra Edie, Cheryl Martin.

ROW TWO: Jan Benroth, Dan Luginbuhl, Tom Edwards, Scott Edwards, Mr. Geiger, Mr. Kirkendall.



Student Patrol Promotes Safety

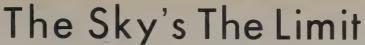


ROW ONE: Joan Emmert, Mr. Murray. ROW TWO: Donna Klinger, Betty Thomas, David Barnett. ROW THREE: Sam Reichenbach, Jerry Weaver, John Neuenschwander.

Did you ever notice the students that stand around the building with watches in their hands, during a fire drill? If you have, then you know they are on the Student Patrol, and that they are timing the drill.

This isn't the only time you see them. They are the students who usher you into assembly programs. They turn the lights on and off between classes. Sometimes you hear them say, or maybe scream, "Don't run in the halls!", "Use the other stairs", or "O.K. you two, break it up."

The Student Patrol's chief purpose is to insure peace and tranquility in the school. Mr. Murray is the advisor of the group.





Advertisers

The Main Street of Bluffton, on August 12-17, 1961, was the center of attraction in the area. Bluffton was celebrating its 100th year of incorporation. Large crowds gathered to participate in the celebrations. Different businesses had displays of Bluffton in former days. Displays and demonstrations were held in the high school gym.

The parade on August 17 was the highlight of the celebrations. Many businesses had floats and

sponsored various area girls as queen candidates. A beard judging contest, the mid-way, antique car show, choir concert, and the Centennial Pageant were also important events of the centennial activities.

We hope that the next hundred years will be as profitable for the businesses as the past hundred years have been.









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Louise Basinger

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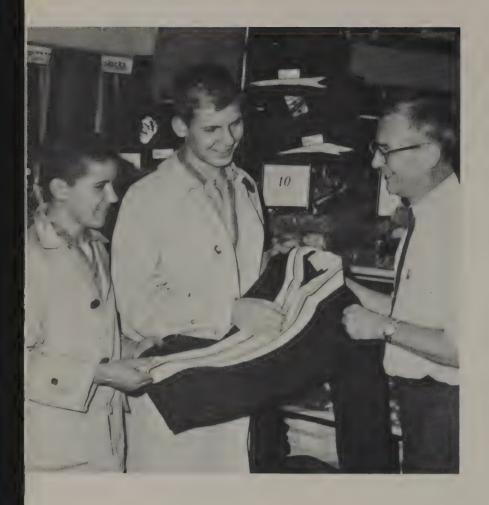
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Bluffton, Ohio
Tom Edwards, Scott Edwards, Mr. Diller



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And then came Spring.....



Row one: Jerry Weaver, Chuck Amstutz, Rodger Benroth, Jim Irwin, Steve Sutermeister, Mike Reichenbach, Row two: John Mericle, Tom Basinger, Tim Warren, Loren Core, Steve Clark, Larry Crow.

Baseball

Ken Lugibihl hands off the pipe to Gene Balmer in the 880 relay.



Due to several unfortunate circumstances a picture of the 1962 track squad is not available for the supplement. The Buccaneer staff expresses its sincere regret but lists the members of the team so that at least their names will be present. They They are as follows: Sharl Steiner, Ken Lugibihl, Tom Criblez, Dan Luginbuhl, Gene Balmer, Gary Zimmerman, Jim Diller, Dennis Swank, Dave Burkholder, Dave Travis, Charles Baker, Tom Warren, Sam Reineke, Dan Lehman, Larry Amstutz, Fred Rodabaugh, Terry Habeggar, Dennis Gable, manager, and F. J. Osborne, Coach.

Track



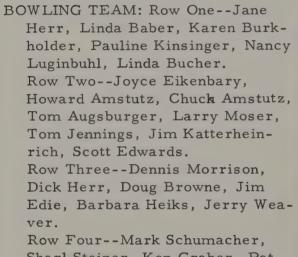
David Travis runs the low hurdles for Bluffton.

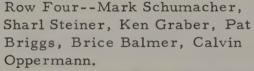


Sharl Steiner wins another shot put in one of the Pirate track meets this spring.



GOLF TEAM: Ken Graber, Don Brown, Gary Herr, Tom Bogart, Pat Briggs.







GIRLS' STATE: Betty Thomas,
Nancy Luginbuhl,
Marcia Travis.





BOYS' STATE: Tom Brauen,
Brice Balmer,
Jerry Weaver.



YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT: Elaine Baker, Jeanne Davis, Dan Luginbuhl, Scott Edwards.



In the dugout before Pirate baseball games are found many varied kinds of activities, conversations, and preparations for the oncoming encounter.



One of our spring assemblies was a demonstration of the ability of a car to stop on a dime. Here some assistants wait to measure the distances with students driving the car.



Dan Lehman executes a beautiful high jump in a spring track meet.



Students of all ages enjoy the frequent dances and record hops held in the gym.



Garry Zimmerman appears to be in pain as he strives to win the 220-yard dash.



One of the most important spring activities is Achievement Day. Students display their projects and papers for the year. Dave Travis shows his science project to several interested observers.

Students Enjoy Roman Holiday



Emperor Jan Benroth gives a speech honoring the Roman army captain during the play.

Ninety-two former and present Latin students and guests of honor, Mr. and Mrs. Emil White, and Mr. Roy Schmunk, ate with their fingers at this year's Roman banquet.

The "banquet hall" was decorated with yellow, orange and brown to carry out the festive them "Roman Holiday". Sophomore "slaves" served the courses and carried the traditional fingerbowls.

The first and second year students, wrapped in tunics and togas presented the program. The play "Dies Festus Romanus" was written and directed by Jean Purves and Gayle Gerber. Several of the holidays depicted in the play were: the toga ceremony, a gladiator fight, and the Yoke of Triumph. The freshmen students led music, sang in several ensembles, and acted small parts in the play.



Larry Crow and Ken Bucher, two gladiators, battle for the laurel victory wreath.

The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come

Chad	Tom Brauen
Nathan Cherry	
Betsy Cherry	. Laura Yoder
Melissy Turner	
Major Calvin Buford	. Ken Graber
Miss Lucy Buford	. Coletta Lora
Old Tom	. Steve Sutermeister
Thanky	. Elaine Baker
Mrs. Caroline Dean	. Marcia Travis
Margaret Dean	. Linda Baber
Richard Hunt	
Nellie Hunt	. Nancy Luginbuhl
Jennie Overstreet	. Barbara Heiks













Major Calvin Buford, a bachelor, lived alone with his maiden sister, Miss Lucy Buford, who was no less shocked than her servants and neighbors at the advent of an illiterate mountain boy, Chad, in the Buford home. But the Major, who had found Chad and had brought him to his home, insisted that Chad be raised as a Buford and given the Buford name, for there was an unexplainable something that endeared Chad to the major. Except for General Dean, a neighbor, and Major Buford, Chad was friendless.

Then the gossip grew that Chad knew nothing of his parentage, and with that gossip, the hatred for him increased. One humiliating situation after another finally drove the boy back to Kingdom Come, where "folks don't keer who or what I be."

National Honor Society



Row one: Elaine Baker, Joan Emmert, David Barnett, Sue Bash, Tom Brauen, Marcia Travis, Donna Klingler. Row two: Jerry Weaver, Carol Pimlott, Jean Stauffer, Nancy Swank, Rachel Hilty, Diane Neeper, Elizabeth Raid, Carol Basinger, Linda Baber, and Diana Hilty. Row three: Kenneth Graber, Brice Balmer, Henry Janzen, Tom Criblez and Dan Luginbuhl, Missing, Darlene Hall.

The National Honor Society is established to stimulate the high scholarship, constructive leadership, purposeful service, and worthy character of the students in the secondary schools of this country.

Members of the junior and senior classes who meet the requirements based on character, scholarship, leadership, and service compose the Bluffton Honor Society. Mr. Schmunk is the adviser. On May 8, the group held a banquet at Salisbury's Restaurant, Findlay, Ohio.



Jean Stauffer, Secretary; Sue Bash, Treasurer; and Rachel Hilty, President.



IN MEMORIAM Linda Darlene Hall

Born: March 31, 1944 Died: May 15, 1962

Oh! snatched away in Beauty's bloom,
On thee shall press no ponderous tomb;
But on thy turf shall roses rear
Their leaves, the earliest of the year;
And the wild cypress wave in tender gloom;

And oft by yon blue gushing stream
Shall Sorrow lean her drooping head,
And feed deep thought with many a dream,
And lingering pause and lightly tread;
Fond wretch! as if her step disturbed the dead!

Away! we know that tears are vain,
That Death nor heeds nor hears distress:
Will this unteach us to complain?
Or make one Mourner weep the less?
And thou-who tell'st me to forget Thy looks are wan, thine eyes are wet.
.......Lord Byron

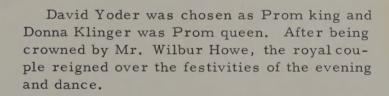
Juniors Hosts to Seniors







The place was the Findlay Country Club. The date, May 11, 1962. The affair, the Jr.-Sr. Prom and Banquet. This year the juniors chose the theme "An Enchanted Evening" with which to honor the seniors and faculty. The evening consisted of a full course dinner, a program devised and presented by the juniors, and the dance. The beautiful surroundings of the club added to the enjoyment and impressiveness of the 1962 Prom.







Commencement is Finish



Wayne E. Shaffer, President of the State Board of Education, was the commencement speaker.

On May 26, 1962 Senior Class spent its final day in B. H. S. Although this was the end of their high school career, for many life was just beginning. The 44 graduates fondly and sadly said farewell to Bluffton High School, turned, and eagerly welcomed the future. For whatever lies in store for them in the years ahead, they will be well prepared.

Rev. Leonard Shepler gave the Baccalaureate speech in the afternoon, and commencement was held in the evening.



Seniors line up to enter the gym before Commencement and Baccalaureate exercises.



The mixed chorus sang two numbers for Commencement, "Blessed Are They" and "This Is My Country".

